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Moving to Australia

Australia is a small country-continent, where it is located at 27° S and 133° E. Australia is the 12th largest country, where it has the total area of 7,741,200 sq km. One fact, which makes Australia very unique, is that Australia is the world's largest net exporter of the coal, about 29% of the coal is exported from Australia. Australia is a very rural place. Agriculture is popular and the country is widely known for its clean environment. However about 45% of Australia's land is desert, dry land where nothing could be done. Even though almost half of its land is desert, most people tend to move to Australia for Jobs, businesses, and even education. Australia is one of the most stable countries, in terms of economy. The stocks, currency rate is very stable, having no increase or decrease.

*The World Factbook. CIA. Web. 8 Oct. 2009.
<<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/as.html>>.*

Why do people move to Australia?

Australia is one of the most beautiful place, and secure place to live. Even though it is the land of criminals, Australia is still safer than the United States, or most country around the world. The stable economy and stable income for jobs motivates people to leave their home country and move to Australia. Not only economy influences people to live in Australia, but also education is a factor, which influences people to live in Australia. In the interview with Mr. Song, Australia was a very suitable place for education. Mr. Song lived in Australia for few years. He moved from South Korea to Australia when he was fifteen. Everything was very new, and strange, since he wasn't fluent in English. At first he was very bewildered with the completely different environment. The culture, language, places, and everything was different. The one



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thing, which impacted Mr. Song the most, was the school. The difference between the Korean school and the Australian school made Mr. Song secluded. He was always lonely; Mr. Song thought the students in Australia were too immature. The students were playing with cards, while Song played computer games. The difference in how students play basically created a gap between Mr. Song and the other students. Mr. Song decided to make friends even though the culture was different. As he was making friends and attending school, Mr. Song's English improved drastically. Surviving in Australia without any parent or guardian, definitely caused Mr. Song to improve his English, and understand other cultures. Australia provides lot of opportunities for education. Students of Australia are most likely open to anyone from any countries. However students of other race tend to seclude themselves from the Australians. Therefore, Australia would be a wonderful place to study.

When do people get homesick?

Most people who migrated to Australia would tell others that they get homesick when they feel

excluded from the group, when they feel the cultural difference. One example of cultural difference might be language. Because Korean uses more appreciative words for the elderly, it is quite eerie to say something so freely. Even though the appreciative words might be disturbing in Korea, people will miss these words when they leave Korea for a long time. Another cultural difference might be food. In western countries or Australia, food is something what makes people homesick. In another interview with Mr. Song, Mr. Song stated food was one factor, which made him homesick. When Mr. Song was living in Australia, one of the foods he missed was Kimchi. According to Mr. Song, the Kimchi in Australia, and Kimchi in Korea has a significant difference in the taste. When Mr. Song moved he basically missed his parents and his friends left in Korea. Now Mr. Song's parents often contact Song, by phone, Internet, or mails. Nowadays, Mr. Song's parent often sends some Korean food in the Korean traditional Holidays. Generally, living in another country is a very hard choice. People miss their home country and their traditional holidays and

culture.

Is racism a serious problem in Australia?

Australia is one of the best countries to live in. Racism in Australia is not really serious, since almost 5 to 7 percent of the population is Korean. Most Australians are adapted to the new environment with Koreans. For Mr. Song, racism was not a serious problem, but Mr. Song mostly secluded himself from the rest. However, later Mr. Song started to adapt and made many friends.

Interview with Mr. Song

The only way to improve English is to move to another country where people there uses English. English is always a challenge not only for Koreans, but also everyone else in the world. I strongly recommend students to live in an English speaking country without their parents.

Why did you move to Australia?

I moved to Australia for education and survival. My dream was to become a lawyer. Now I am attending the Sydney University. I am majoring law and learning English in a foreign country seemed much more helpful than learning English in Korea.

Did you suffer from any racism?

Racism was not really a problem, but I didn't really like the Australian students. They seemed too immature compared to the Korean students. This is probably because of the cultural difference, but most of my friends in Korea plays computer; however, friends in Australia were playing card games. Card games like monster cards or other cards from anime. I really hated how the Australians enjoyed their time.

Did anyone force you to leave?

My parents strongly recommended me to live in



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Australia. They thought the United States was too dangerous, and they thought Australia was the most suitable place to study and live. I didn't really want to leave Korea, but my parents forced me to leave.

What did you like about Australia and did you miss Korea?

Australia is not a place where students can play or enjoy. After the first month I was done with touring. Seriously, there is nothing fun in Australia, and there is nothing really unique here. One thing, which I liked, was that I was independent, and I was able to live with my sisters. There was no one who looked after me and there was no one who forced me to study and work. However, soon I was able to learn the importance

of studying and importance of entering the college. After few years I started to miss my parents. Even though I was the one who wanted independence, I had nights where I missed my parents. I also missed my Korean friends. Now my friend reached the age where they are forced to go to the military. Before when I moved, I really wanted to evade the military, but now I would like to return and enter the Korean military.

What college or university are you in?

Now I am attending the Sydney University. I am majoring law in order to become a lawyer. Next year I am graduating. I am really excited to graduate. Now I am seeking a way to get a job and become a lawyer. I am always trying my best to become one of the best-known lawyers in Australia, or maybe the world.

What part of Australia did you live in?

Even now I am living in Australia, at Sydney. Sydney is a great place to live. It is one of the most civilized or developed parts of Australia. Now I really like to live here.

Where else did you go?

These days I visit Korea once a year. I visit my brother, and my parents. Nowadays I would like to live in Bally. I really enjoy paragliding in bally. I am now finding a new hobby to enjoy my life. When I paraglide I feel very excited and my stress are released. I really recommend people to try starting paragliding.

*"If you can't evade it
face it and enjoy!"*

Moving to Australia was a very successful event in my life.

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